



# Town of Colma

## APRIL 2003

*A Community Information Publication*

### CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

*Herb Moniz, City Manager*

#### **Police Facility Design Presentation**

Please join us at the City Council Meeting on April 9, 2003, when the project architect will present the final design recommendation for the new Police Facility to the Council for their review and approval. This will be another big step in the process, and with approval on the 9th, we anticipate bidding the project this summer!

#### **Park Grants**

The Town has applied for \$36,756 in grant funding for the Hillside Cultural Park and Community Center project. The funds will be provided as Colma's share of the 2000 State Park Bond Act.

#### **Junipero Serra Boulevard Improvements**

The City Council awarded a contract to Mike Brown Electric Company for the installation of traffic signal upgrades along Junipero Serra Boulevard from Hickey Boulevard in South San Francisco to the Town Limit, north of Colma Boulevard. The work includes upgrading signal poles, a new signal controller and the installation of signal interconnect cable along the entire length of the Boulevard. The project will allow the timing of the traffic signals to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic. Additional street improvements are scheduled to begin next fiscal year.

#### **June 14, 2003 Community Picnic**

The Recreation Department will offer a "Welcome to Summer Picnic" for residents at Sterling Park and Community Center on Saturday, June 14, 2003, from 11 am to 3 pm. The picnic will feature live Salsa music, Latin style food, beverages, bingo games and many exciting activities for kids. Expect your invitation in the mail about the first week of May and hurry to return the RSVP card to reserve your spot!

### POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

*Bob Lotti, Police Commander*

In April of every year the County of San Mateo, along with local police and fire departments, conducts an emergency preparedness drill. The drill is designed to test the readiness of each agency to provide for the residents in the event of a terrorist attack, or a major disaster, such as an earthquake.

Your Colma Police Department has been working with other local agencies and with the County of San Mateo to prepare for such an emergency. Part of our job is to make sure that the citizens of our Town are self sufficient for at least 72 hours after a major disaster. Below is a list of supplies you should have on hand to prepare for disaster. (Found on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company web site.)

- Flashlights with fresh batteries
- A portable battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- A windup or battery-powered clock
- One week's supply of water and nonperishable food
- A manual can opener
- Multipurpose (A-B-C) fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Extra blankets or sleeping bag
- Spare fuses
- Wrench to turn off gas or water
- Medication for those on prescription drugs

In addition to making preparations for your family, make sure that elderly or disabled neighbors are prepared, and be ready to help them after a disaster. As always, if you have any questions please call or stop by the Police Department.

Remember, if you wish to report anonymously ongoing problems or suspects in already reported crimes, leave a message on the **TIP Line/ 997-8337**. As always, we look forward to hearing from you by: telephone (997-8321); fax (997-8330); e-mail ([bruce.tognetti@colma.ca.gov](mailto:bruce.tognetti@colma.ca.gov)); or just drop in.

Thank you for working with YOUR Police Department to keep Colma safe!

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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS!!! SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2003

Don't forget—it's spring forward .....  
Set your clocks and watches AHEAD  
one hour on Saturday evening, April  
5th, before you go to bed and you'll  
be on time!

### TV SERIES BUDGET CRUNCH 2003 LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

Peninsula TV (Comcast Channel 26) is producing a five-part series on the unprecedented budget issues facing state and local government. Panelists will include representatives from the cities, county, the educational community, and the state. The series will be moderated by columnist Mark Simon of the SF Chronicle and Bob Marks, Director of Peninsula TV. This important series began on March 14 and will continue through the spring and summer months, each week, at the following times.

Monday:	7 to 9 pm
Tuesday:	4 to 6 pm
Thursday:	9 to 10 pm
Friday:	10 to 12 pm
Saturday:	6 to 7 pm
Sunday:	8 to 10 pm

If you wish to order copies on tape or obtain further information, please call Peninsula TV, 650/637-1936.



### SENIOR OUTING Bay Meadows Racetrack Wed., April 16—11:00 am to 5:00 pm

When we venture over to Bay Meadows, which includes that scrumptious buffet at the Turf Club, it's always an enjoyable trip! Sign up at Sterling Park before Thursday, April 3rd. Space is limited; first come, first served!

**(Actual Cost: \$35/person.)** Colma Participation Fee:  
**\$4/adults; \$2/senior and disabled.**

#### BUS SCHEDULE:

11:00 am	Departure from Senior Complex
11:15 am	Departure from Clark and C Streets
5:15 pm	Approximate return time to Colma

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### “HILLSIDE CULTURAL PARK & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT”

- The Contractor will be moving the Train Station and Freight Buildings from Serramonte Boulevard where the historical structures have been stored for several years. Before being transported to 1500 Hillside Boulevard the two buildings will be separated and once relocated to the site will be permanently positioned similar to their original configuration, on opposite sides of the railroad tracks. The tracks and ties to be fitted between the Station and Freight Buildings are also salvaged original pieces.
- The heating, ventilation, plumbing and electrical work has started inside the 1500 Hillside Building.
- The existing floors required much more repair work than initially planned. Additionally, many adjustments were needed to the floor elevations throughout the interior and this has somewhat delayed the construction schedule.
- It is now estimated the Contractor will finish the interior of the building in early September, provided there are no more unforeseen delays. The remodeling of the Train and Freight Building are still planned to be finished in October, weather permitting.

### “SAN MATEO COUNTY EL CAMINO REAL BOX CULVERT/FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT”

- The El Camino Real median islands from the BART over-crossing to the South San Francisco City limits will soon be green again with new lawn.
- Heavy traffic delays should be expected from the Colma BART entrance to A Street as major construction work will begin again in April.
- The Contractor will be working in Daly City on replacing a sewer manhole and reconnecting the existing storm drainage system from A Street to the newly installed section of the box culvert.
- To report any construction concerns with this project please call the San Mateo County Public Works Department at (650) 363-4100, or the Town's Public Works Department at (650) 757-8888.

### “LAWNDALE BOULEVARD”

- The Contractor is finishing up on the installation of the irrigation line along the median of the new roadway and has started installing the new fence along the property line of the Holy Cross Cemetery.
- During the month of April the Contractor will be grading the slopes at the east end near Hillside Boulevard, completing the electrical work for the street lights, and finishing the last overlay of asphalt pavement.
- The City of South San Francisco, lead agency for the project, reports that the Contractor is expected to complete the construction work by the end of April. It is planned to have Lawndale Boulevard in Colma and the McClellan Extension in South San Francisco open to traffic before, or in conjunction with the opening of the new South San Francisco BART station.

## NEW SCHEDULES FOR SPRING CLASSES

Please register for all classes by April 17, or as soon as possible, at Sterling Park Community Center during regular working hours, 9 am to 5 pm. If you have any questions call Kurt Edwards, 991-3213. Thank you.

### **“SYNERGY YOGA” — ADULTS & SENIORS** **Monday and Wednesday 9:00 to 10:30 am** **April 21 to May 21—Sterling Park**

Synergy Yoga is a great exercise class for people who want to exercise the entire body. The instructor will lead you through a series of exercises and stretches designed to burn calories; improve flexibility, muscle tone and breathing, and get you ready for the day ahead.

Ten classes in this series.

**(Actual Cost: \$100/person.)** Colma Participation Fee: **\$18/adults; \$9/senior and disabled.**

### **“EVENING EXERCISE & FITNESS** **ADULTS & SENIORS”** **Wednesday Evenings, 6 to 7 pm** **Sterling Park—April 30 to July 2**

This class will take you through a series of stretches and light aerobic exercises designed to burn calories and improve flexibility.

Ten classes in this series.

**Actual Cost: \$60/person.)** Colma Participation Fee: **\$12/adults; \$6/senior and disabled.**

### **“MARTIAL ARTS” — TEENS AND ADULTS** **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm** **Sterling Park—April 29 to May 29**

This evening class will work your body, improve your fitness level, and develop your self-confidence. For century's, individuals have participated in Martial Arts to develop their level of physical fitness and improve their flexibility and mental awareness. It is suggested that students wear clothes that they can move about in freely. Mat work is involved. Uniforms can be purchased through the instructor.

Ten classes in this series.

**Actual Fee: \$60/person.)** Colma Participation Fee: **\$12/adults; \$6/teens.**

## ADULT DANCE CLASSES

Dancing is not only great fun, but a wonderful way to get and stay in physical shape. Try our new intermediate tango and salsa classes, or start with a beginning salsa class. **To ensure we have a sufficient number of residents for these dance classes, please register and pay before Monday, April 7. Thank you.**

### **“BEGINNING SALSA” — 4 CLASSES** **MONDAY, 6 PM, Sterling Park** **April 14, 21, 28, May 5**

**(Actual Fee: \$40/person.)** Colma Participation Fee: **\$8/adult; \$4/senior, disabled, and youth.**

### **“INTERMEDIATE TANGO” — 4 CLASSES** **Mondays, 7:05 pm, Sterling Park** **April 14, 21, 28, May 5**

**(Actual Fee: \$40 person.)** Colma Participation Fee: **\$8/adult; \$4/senior, disabled, and youth.**

### **“INTERMEDIATE SALSA” - 4 CLASSES** **Mondays, 8:10 pm, Sterling Park** **April 14, 21, 28, May 5**

**(Actual Fee: \$40/person.)** Colma Participation Fee: **\$8 adult; \$4/senior, disabled, and youth.**

### **STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR** **CLASS**

**Saturday, April 19, Sterling Park**  
**9 am to 3 pm**



If you wish to learn about CPR and First Aid, please join us on Saturday, April 19, for this important class. Learn how to help your family and friends when they are injured.

**(Actual Fee: \$45/person.)**  
Colma Participation Fee: **\$8/adults; \$4/seniors.**

### **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!! —**

**HOLD THE DATE.....SUNDAY,**  
**MAY 18, 1 PM.**

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS VS.**  
**NEW YORK METS...**

Watch for details and ticket selling date in May  
*LiveWire*.



## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE MONTH

The San Mateo County Child Abuse Council, 400 Harbor Boulevard, Building B, Belmont, CA, 94002, provides leadership to prevent child abuse by advocating and coordinating resources and raising community awareness through education and training.

For further information regarding their services, please contact them at 1-888-220-7575, 650-802-6465 or on their website: [jbardales@co.sanmateo.ca.us](mailto:jbardales@co.sanmateo.ca.us).

## ORANGE/RED ALERTS

The San Mateo County Area Office of Emergency Services, 650/363-4790, has provided the following information to location cities and police and fire agencies on orange and red alerts::

**ORANGE**—Critical or High Condition. High Risk of terror attacks.

- Coordinate necessary security efforts with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.
- Take additional precaution at public events and possibly consider alternative venues or cancellations.
- Prepare to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force.
- Restrict access to threatened facilities to essential personnel only.

**RED**—Severe condition. Severe risk of terror attacks.

- Assign emergency response personnel and preposition specially trained teams.
- Monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems.
- Close public and government facilities.
- Increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.

## NEW COLMA IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Information for obtaining your new Colma Identification Cards was recently mailed to all Colma residents. If you need further clarification regarding the 'proof of residency' requirements, please call Kurt Edwards, 650/991-3213. **New Colma ID cards will not be issued to any resident (adult, senior, youth or disabled) who fails to provide the proper documents, establishing valid 'proof of residency.'** All previously issued Colma ID Cards will not be valid after June, 2003, and in order to attend any Colma sponsored event or rent the facilities at Sterling Park, you must have a new Colma Identification Card.

## TICKET SALES & UNUSED TICKET POLICY

Tickets for all Colma-sponsored events may **only** be purchased beginning on the sign-up date indicated for that event. **No** advanced ticket sales are permitted.

The Guidelines for Recreation Program adopted 12/18/00, Section **2.01.074** "Unused Ticket Policy" state:

Section b) "If, after receiving a ticket or other notice of entitlement to attend a Colma Sponsored Event, a ticket-holder discovers that he or she cannot attend an event, then he or she must contact staff at City Hall and return the ticket or notice as soon as possible."

Subsection ii) "If a ticket-holder becomes unable to attend and if the ticket is not used by another resident or eligible person, then the ticket will be considered as "unused" and the ticket-holder must pay the Town for the **full cost** of the ticket..."

(On a weekend, the waiting list with phone numbers is available at Sterling Park Community Center, when open, and at the Police Dept., to help you find replacements. Waiting list participants should be aware their phone numbers may be given out to other residents for contact.)

## WELCOME PACKETS FOR NEW COLMA RESIDENTS

If you are a new Colma resident, please stop by the Town Hall for a Welcome-to-Colma packet. It contains information about City services that we believe you will find useful.

## COUNTY OFFERS FREE GAS TO CARPOOLERS

If you carpool, the County is offering to top off your tank. That's right—with free gas! Under a new program, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance is offering drivers a free \$40 gas card if they pledge to carpool two days a week for an eight-week period. To enroll in the program, or get information about the Alliance's other incentives, see [www.commute.org](http://www.commute.org) or call 650-994-7924.

**CALTRAIN TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON  
FARE STRUCTURE CHANGES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003, 10:00 AM**

The Caltrain board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 3 at Caltrain's headquarters, 1250 San Carlos Avenue in San Carlos. The meeting is to discuss the proposed changes to the fare structure and the proposal to move Caltrain to a proof-of-payment system (Onboard ticket sales would be eliminated.)

Proposals include:

- One-way tickets would be valid for three hours.
- A day Pass would replace Round-trip tickets.
- Use of ticket validators would be required with 10-ride tickets.
- Expanding the youth discount to riders between the ages of 5 to 17 (currently the youth discount on most fare media is offered to children between the ages of 5 to 11.)
- Offering a senior/disabled/youth 10-ride ticket.

For additional information on the proposed changes go to [www.caltrain.com](http://www.caltrain.com) or call customer service at 1-800-660-4287.

**MINOR HOUSING REPAIR GRANT**

**ATTENTION: HOME OWNERS**

The Colma Housing Repair Grant Program is in full-swing. Please stop by or call the Town Hall for an application. There is a December 31, 2003, deadline to have the work completed, so please submit your application soon. The application will be determined complete within 14 days if the Housing Coordinator concludes it meets the criteria for eligible households properties. If the work described requires a building permit, the application will be referred to the Building Official.

The homeowner, or the homeowner's contractor, is responsible for obtaining the required building permits. No fee is required for residential building permits in Colma. The Building Official will inspect all work that requires a Building Permit. Payments will be made directly to the contractor, or, if a contractor is not used, to the homeowner after verification by the Housing Coordinator that the work has been completed and that a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. The applicant is responsible for all costs and expenses over and above the grant awarded by the town.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Apr. 9: Colma Social Club Meeting  
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Apr. 16: Special City Council Meeting  
Apr. 16: Senior Day at Bay Meadows  
May 18: Colma Family Outing at the SF Giants  
May 28: Senior Day - Dunsmuir House

**STERLING PARK ACTIVITIES FOR  
COLMA YOUTH  
APRIL ACTIVITIES**

April 14 to 18 is Spring Break for many of our Colma youth. Mark your calendars to attend the following activities at Sterling Park Community Center:

Apr. 14: 1:00—5:00 pm — Spring Craft Project  
Apr. 15: 1:00—5:00 pm — Movie Day  
Apr. 16: 1:00—5:00 pm — Bowling Day  
Apr. 18: 1:00—5:00 pm — Easter Basket Decorating  
Apr. 20: 9:00 am — Spring Egg Hunt (co-hosted by the Colma Recreation Department and Fil-Am Club.) Free for Colma youth.

**DON'T FORGET**— Youth after school drop-in homework assistance and recreation activities are offered Monday through Friday (3:30 to 5:30 pm) at Sterling Park and Community Center.

**YOUTH SPECIAL EVENT  
EGG-STAVAGANZA HUNT!!!  
Sunday, April 20—9 am, Sterling Park**

We're having a free egg hunt for Colma residents and children.

Time: 9:00 am (ages 2 to 15 years)

Bring your baskets or make one on Friday, April 18, from 1 to 5 pm at Sterling Park, and join us in lots of egg-fun!

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**LATE REGISTRATION—MATEO DAY CAMP  
Sunday, April 13, Sterling Park, 1-4 pm**

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, April 9, 2003, 7:30 pm**

Agenda Highlights:

- Police Facility Design
- Junipero Serra & Hillside Blvd. Landscaping Standards
- Study: Fire JPA and Alternatives

Agenda Highlights —Wed, Apr. 16, 7 pm

- Five-year CIP Plan

# **POLICE LOG — Feb. 23, to Mar. 25, 2003**

# APRIL 2003

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	2 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  Colma Social Club 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  <i>Evening Stretch</i> , 6 pm	3 Tai Chi, 10 to 11 am  <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm  Children's Safety Class, 4—5 pm	4 BFI Recycle Day	5 Rec Ctr Closed Private Party   SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!!!
6 Rec Ctr Closed Private Party  <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b>	7 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  Beginning Salsa 6 pm Tango, 7:05 pm Salsa, 8:10 pm	8 <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	9 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  <i>Evening Stretch</i> , 6 pm  City Council Mtg. Town Hall, 7:30 pm	10 Tai Chi, 10 to 11 am  <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	11	12 Rec Ctr Closed Private Party
13 Mateo Day Camp Registration 1 to 4 pm  COLMA ID PROCESSING STERLING PARK 11 AM TO 4 PM "C STREET"	14 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  <b>New Session</b> <i>Beginning Salsa</i> 6 pm Tango, 7:05 pm Salsa, 8:10 pm	15 <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	16 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  Senior Day at Bay Meadows 11 am to 5:30 pm  <i>Evening Stretch</i> , 6 pm  Special City Council Meeting, 7 pm	17 Tai Chi, 10 to 11 am  <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	18 BFI Recycle Day  Egg Basket Decorating Sterling Park 1 to 5 pm	19 CPR & FIRST AID CLASS 9 AM TO 3 PM
20 Rec Ctr Closed Private Party  <b>Egg-stravaganza Hunt - 9 am Sterling Park</b>	21 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  Beginning Salsa 6 pm Tango, 7:05 pm Salsa, 8:10 pm	22 <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	23 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  <i>Evening Stretch</i> , 6 pm	24 Tai Chi, 10 to 11 am  <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	25 Extra Can Day	26 Rec Ctr Closed Private Party
27 COLMA ID PROCESSING STERLING PARK 11 AM TO 4 PM "D STREET"	28 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  Beginning Salsa 6 pm Tango, 7:05 pm Salsa, 8:10 pm	29 <i>Martial Arts</i> 6:30—8:00 pm	30 <i>Yoga Stretching</i> 9:00 am  <i>Evening Stretch</i> , 6 pm		<b>ALL CLASSES ARE HELD IN STERLING PARK UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.</b>	

## The Sterling Park Community Center's April Schedule is:

Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays as noted. Outside areas, including the basketball court, playground, and outdoor rest rooms are available Sundays from dawn to dusk.

For information, call 650/991-3213.

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Mayor Pro Tem..... Ronald Maldonado ..... 8318  
Council Member ..... Philip J. Lum, Jr. .... 8315  
Council Member ..... Helen Fisicaro..... 8304  
Council Member ..... Joe Silva.....8316

City Treasurer ..... Rae P. Gonzalez..... 8305

**Town Hall Staff:**

City Manager ..... Herb Moniz .....8310  
Assistant City Manager..... Diane McGrath.....8309 Chief  
of Police ..... Bruce Tognetti.....8321  
Administrative Tech II..... Anita Landis Thorsnes ..... 8307  
Administrative Tech II..... Joan Guerra.....8311  
Accountant..... Perla Denina.....8317  
Accountant..... Jeanne O'Brien.....8313

**Public Works & General Maintenance:**

Maintenance Technician..... Louis Gotelli.....757-8888

**Other City Officials:**

City Attorney ..... Roger Peters.....997-8300  
City Engineer ..... Rick Mao ..... 757-8888  
City Planner..... Mac Carpenter ..... 985-2590  
Public Works Maint. Supervisor...Phil Scramaglia.....757-8888

**Sterling Park Community Center**

Recreation Services Mgr. Kurt Edwards.....991-3213

**Police**

Police Log ..... Bobbi Fugate .....997-8321  
TIP Line .....997-8337

**Town Hall Business Hours:**

**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday**

